AU to host award-winning political cartoonist/writer �Mr. Fish 4/12/12

Award-winning editorial cartoonist and freelance writer "Mr. Fish" will present a visiting artist lecture at Alfred University's Holmes Auditorium in Harder Hall Tuesday, April 17 at 5 p.m. The presentation will be free and open to the public.Mr. Fish, known in real life as Dwayne Booth, is a popular independent political cartoonist and writer from Philadelphia. His work is regularly featured in the online journal Truthdig and in Harper's Magazine, and he has also contributed to notable publications including the Los Angeles Times, the Village Voice, the Huffington Post, and Vanity Fair. Booth has received a number of awards for his work, including the 2010 and 2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award for Editorial Cartooning in the Online Independent category from the Society of Professional Journalists.He is also the author of the recently published "Go Fish: How to Win Contempt and Influence People." He will sign copies of his book following the lecture.Booth says of his work that he "responds to politics emotionally, from a humanitarian point of view. This allows lots of people to agree with you." The main focus of much of his writing and cartooning is the "victimization of the everyday person."The lecture is sponsored by the Art History Club, the Division of Art History & Theory, and the Office of the Dean of the School of Art and Design.